

59. The computer system of claim 58, further comprising an LCD display configured to display a file/directory name for said audio files.

60. A computer system adapted to play audio files, said computer system comprising:

a system CPU;

memory;

at least one drive comprising compressed audio data residing in one or more audio files;

at least one function key configured to enable a user to select at least one of said audio files; and

an operating system comprising file management software, said file management software configured to manage said audio files and to permit said user to access said audio files via said at least one function key, said operating system also configured to control said CPU to cause said CPU to decompress said at least one audio file selected by said user.

61. The computer system of claim 60, further comprising an LCD display configured to display a file/directory name for said compressed audio data.

62. A computer system adapted to play audio files, said computer system comprising:

a system CPU;

memory;

at least one storage medium comprising compressed audio data, said compressed audio data residing in one or more audio files;

at least one function key configured to enable a user to select at least one of said audio files; and

a play list software program for selecting and storing a play list comprising one or more of said audio files;

a first operating system configured to control at least said system CPU and said memory; and

a second operating system comprising file management software, said file management software configured to manage said audio files and to permit said user to access said audio files via said at least one function key, said operating system also configured to retrieve said play list and cause said drive to read at least one said audio file of said play list, to cause said system CPU to decompress said at least one audio file selected by said user and provide decompressed audio data, and to cause said decompressed audio data to be stored in said memory.

63. The computer system of claim 62, further comprising an LCD display configured to display at least a file/directory name for said audio files.

64. A method of playing audio files on a computer system, said method comprising the steps of:

selecting compressed audio data from a drive of a computer system having at least said drive, a CPU, and a memory, wherein said selecting step is performed by activation of at least one function key;

reading said compressed audio data;

providing said compressed audio data to said CPU for decompressing said compressed audio data, thereby providing decompressed audio data; and

storing said decompressed audio data in said memory.